

Sunny Start Family Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 10:00-11:30

Location: Indiana State Dept of Health – 8C

Committee Chair: Mary Jo Paladino

List of Participants: Darla Cohen, Denise Arland , Karen Kaser, Mary Jo Paladino, Cathy Beard,

Kelly DiBenedetto, Lynn Silvey, Allison Chaney

Staff: Andrea Wilkes, Maureen Greer, Rylin Rodgers

Attachments Legal Resources and Mental Health Resources Fact Sheets

Summary of meeting:

Update on Marketing of Materials and Early Childhood Meeting Place

Early Childhood Meeting Place will be conducting a survey via "think tank" in February. Will be open for a week and the information sent out via email. Will hold a meeting in March to look at feedback and suggestions. Will there be a way to invite more families to participate? Andrea would like the time to be longer than a week. Cathy would like to encourage committee members to post on Facebook.

Andrea shared that she met with Sandi Sleppy at DCS about partnership to help distribute flash drives. Dave Judkins is helping to move this forward. Privacy, HIPPA and safeguards were raised and we will work together.

Press release timeline is on hold until it is clear how foster care might be engaged.

Sunny Start is in the process of contracting with a translator for translating the wellness passport and financial resource fact sheets into Spanish. Team asked for feedback on which fact sheets are priorities for translation.

Family Leadership Initiative

Funding exists to take this to the next level and determine how we develop advocacy and leadership skills for all families. This is not focused on how we support families, rather for the smaller group of families who are interested in advocating related to policy at a variety of levels, to support involvement in committees and task forces. To this point we have looked at a portfolio approach to support the inclusion of life experience and a variety of trainings. Michigan developed a family leadership initiative funded by a variety of

partners, and used a one-week approach with curriculum. Research indicates that face to face training impacts knowledge but not attitude. Vermont and Minnesota have done web-based modules. A broad portfolio is a leadership tool to translate these skills and competencies into what works for all families.

Denise shared that filling it out was very valuable.

Head Starts have family leadership positions on councils. It would be good to pull those connections in. Partnership Center could take Academy experience to early childhood level.

The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) will hold its annual conference on March 6-9th. Kim Minniear, Dr. Judy Ganser, and Mary Weber from the Department of Health will be going. Rylin Rodgers will be going as Family Scholar. The work on Sunny Start will be featured in several sessions: The Indiana Family Leadership Initiative will be one of three programs sharing the 90-minute workshop titled *The Journey from Families as Consumers to Family Leadership – Cultivating Human Capital to Bring About Systems Change.*

Financial Resources Fact Sheet

Medicaid Fact Sheets reflect current systems and the lack of respite support while waiting for DD waivers is captured.

State of the Hoosier Child Report

State of the Hoosier Child Report is an attempt to measure the impact of the work related to the mission of Sunny Start. Indicators were selected in five areas.

We will use these as our baseline to gather information as we move forward.

Who is Missing

RPR from IN*

Next Steps

Cathy will ask Michael Conn Powers about extending the time for the survey.

Rylin Rodgers will send out a Survey Monkey to set priorities for fact sheet translations.

Please give feedback on State of Hoosier Child Report indicators.

Please give feedback on FLI and how best to move toward inclusion.

Requests will be staggered over time to allow for feedback from various constituencies.

Rylin will ask Rich who would be best to represent IN*Source.

Mary Jo will contact Head Start contacts.